

# HUNDREDS OF AMERICANS ARE STRANDED IN ENGLAND BY STRIKE

## PRESIDENT ABLE TO TAKE AN AUTOMOBILE RIDE

### WILSON HAS A FAIR DAY ON RETURN

Executive Greeted Throng at Station With Smiles—Is Given Rousing Cheer as He Walks to Auto to Be Rushed to White House.

### DAUGHTER ON HAND TO GREET PRESIDENT

Dr. Grayson Unable to Say When Patient Will Be Allowed to Resume Duties—May Delay Conferences Set for Near Future.

At 10 o'clock last night Admiral Cary Grayson, President Wilson's physician, gave the following bulletin on the President's condition to the press: "The President has had a fairly comfortable day. He had a motor ride this afternoon."

President Wilson returned home yesterday, his nation-wide tour of the country on behalf of the peace treaty and league of nations covenant having been cut short two days by illness.

The Presidential special, after what practically was a non-stop run from Wichita, Kans., where the President's condition first caused concern, rolled into the Union Station at 11:05 o'clock yesterday morning. The President and Mrs. Wilson went directly to the White House and there, under the orders of Admiral Cary T. Grayson, his personal physician, he began to take his prescription of complete rest and quiet.

**Passed Uncomfortable Night.**  
The President spent a fretful and uncomfortable Saturday night, according to the first bulletin issued by Dr. Grayson. When he stepped from his private car Mayflower yesterday morning, he looked wan and tired, and appeared to have lost considerable weight. Mrs. Wilson

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### REVISED RENT BILL UP TODAY

Committee Announces Measure With Property Protection Added Is Ready to Report.

A rent bill, which includes a provision giving adequate protection to business property, is to be reported to both houses of Congress today, Senator Gronna, chairman of the House and Senate Committee considering this bill, announced yesterday. The conferees have concluded their work of revising the measure and have changed it so that it will include protection of business property against rent profiteering. The bill had no such provision in it. Representative Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, according to Senator Gronna, will voice no opposition to the conferees' report.

### Visit of Belgian King To Capital May Be Deferred

The visit of the King and Queen of the Belgians to Washington probably will be deferred at least a month, on account of President Wilson's illness, it was learned today. They were to have been guests at the White House October 3, for three days. Under tentative arrangements being made by the State Department, they are liable to postpone this until after their tour of the United States.

### BRITISH BEAUTY TO MARRY.



BARONESS FURNIVALL

London, Sept. 28.—Baroness Furnivall, England's youngest baroness, at 19, is to marry. She is one of the year's most beautiful debutantes. E. R. Broughton-Adderley will be the bridegroom. The baroness is daughter of the late Lord Petre.

### SYLVIA SHIFTS CRIME TO FORD

He Shows No Nervousness When Taken to Murder Scene.

Refuting all statements that might tend to bring about his downfall, Joseph P. Sylvia, held by the Washington police for investigation in connection with the murder of Emmett E. Wood, soda fountain clerk at the Liggett drug store, 1245 R street northwest, still holds the same non-committal attitude that has marked him since he was brought back to Washington. Last night, at police headquarters, Sylvia was confronted with William Henry Ford, former soda clerk, and once held as a witness in the murder mystery.

In a series of inconsistent statements, detectives say, Sylvia endeavored to switch the crime to Ford, who had no trouble in establishing an alibi. Information in the hands of the detectives shows that Sylvia is making a premeditated attempt to throw the responsibility upon Ford.

**Police Say Sylvia Lies.**  
Police authorities last night voiced their conviction that Sylvia is lying, even at times when telling the truth would help his case. The quizzing at police headquarters last night brought forth no new developments.

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### Overcoats Defy Falls' Advent And Cold Snap

With the usual display of last year's overcoats and hot chestnut vendors, autumn was ushered into Washington yesterday on the arm of a sudden cold snap.

The promenaders on Pennsylvania avenue last night either wore their old "bennies" or stepped along at a brisk pace to keep up the circulation. One straw hat was seen but the old reliable derby eclipsed the fashionable brown felt decreed by dame fashion. The usual white hat worn by the sailors was replaced by the blue flat hat, worn at a salty angle, and many soldiers and officers donned their "O. D." overcoats in advance of official orders.

The cool weather will continue the weather bureau announced and overcoats are now in order.

### Victory Arch Down; Seek Permanent One

Washington's victory arch is rapidly being torn down and soon it will be but a memory to the thousands who witnessed the Grand Review by General Pershing of the First Division. Col. R. N. Harper, who represented the Washington citizens on the parade arrangements, is now working through the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to erect a permanent arch and library to commemorate the achievements of American arms in the world war.

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### REAL TEST OF STRIKE FORCES SET FOR TODAY

Walkout of 40,000 in Bethlehem Plant Means Victory, Union Claims.

LICKED NOW, IS REPLY Declare Movement Broken, With Two-Thirds of Mills Running.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 28.—"The tide will turn for us tomorrow. The situation was never better since the strike started. Tomorrow we will have the Bethlehem plants shut tight as a drum and the Jones and Laughlin plant here, too."—William Z. Foster, secretary of the National Organizing Committee of Steel Workers. "We have the strike licked. More men have reported for duty at our mills tonight than any night since the strike began. In Farrell, two-thirds of our plants are in operation. Several new departments opened up tonight. In Newcastle all the blast furnaces except one are going. In Braddock and Rankin conditions are improving."—Carnegie Steel Company.

These were the contradictory statements made tonight by the two sides in the steel strike, indicating that the real test of strength will come tomorrow with the opening of the strike in the two plants of big independent companies. Union men are confident the walk out will be

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### \$5,000,000 FUND FOR DEMOCRATS

Atlantic City Session Also Reveals Party's Faith in Woman Vote.

Atlantic City, Sept. 28.—The names of the men who will direct the fight for the election of a Democratic President in 1920 and the plans, in part, of their campaign, was made public today by Homer S. Cummings of Stamford, Conn., chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Upon adjournment of the two days' session of the executive committee of the national committee, it may be said that the fight of 1920 actually started. Chairman Cummings departed for Washington authorized to open zone or divisional headquarters throughout the country, and sub-committees were appointed to draft a financial plan, a campaign of publicity, and to devise methods of organizing the women voters of the nation. The executive committee adjourned to meet again within six weeks. Mr. Cummings, after announcing

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### TWO SHOT DEAD IN STREET DUEL

New York's First Vendetta Since Chinatown Reformed.

New York, Sept. 28.—Two men, bullet-riddled, fell dead in front of No. 78 Catherine street today, and a third was so severely wounded that his chance of recovery was said to be slight when he was taken to a hospital. New York has not had such a gun duel since Chinatown decided to be good.

The dead men are Joseph Gracino, 30, and Louis Valenti, 30, both of Manhattan. The wounded man is John Blocco, 28. As the three were talking, an automobile containing three men drove up and one of the three alighted as it slowed down. He immediately opened fire as he advanced toward the group and the men in the car joined in the fusillade.

There was a return of shots from the men who were attacked, but almost immediately Gracino and Valenti fell to the pavement dead, and Blocco dropped a moment later. Some thirty or forty shots were fired. The automobile sped off without waiting for the man who started the shooting.

### Court-Martial Injustice Kills War Hero's Mother

Sebastian, Who Slept On Outpost, Pardoned by President Too Late to Save Her Life—He Later Died Gallantly on the Field of Battle.

By LOYE W. MILLER.  
Eldorado, Ill., Sept. 28.—Under the willows of Wolf Creek graveyard lies the body of Mrs. Mary Sebastian.

Over her head should be these granite-graven words: KILLED BY THE INHUMANITY OF THE U. S. ARMY COURT-MARTIAL. Somewhere in France sleeps Forest D. Sebastian, her soldier son.

He died a hero's death in battle—but his mother didn't know. She only knew that he had been ordered shot, disgraced for sleeping at his post of duty—for falling asleep after twenty-four hours of wakefulness.

She only knew that her boy, Forest, was in disgrace—that same boy Forest whose praises today are on every tongue in this town, who at 20 is Eldorado's first gold-star hero. Anguished over her son's sentence, Mrs. Sebastian died five weeks before her son fell gallantly in action, at Solissons, on July 20, 1918, thus wiping off forever the blot against his name which had been lightened already by President Wilson's pardon.

Worry over her son had rankled

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### He's to Get Out At 21, But They Think He's 23

Does anybody know? How old is William Theodore Mangum? He doesn't know. His foster mother, Mrs. Jennie Collins, 305 G street northwest, doesn't know. Dr. Frank Abbot, superintendent of Washington Asylum Hospital, doesn't know. Mangum is serving at the Training School, formerly the Reform School, "until he is twenty-one," and every effort is being made to determine his age as a stepfather, Horace Lindsay, of Chesapeake Junction, has bequeathed him a considerable sum of money which will be given to him when he reaches his majority.

According to his commitment from the Juvenile Court for "incorrigibility," he will have to serve nearly a year longer. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mangum, 405 G street northwest, who was married when she was but 13 years of age, it is said, does not know William's age.

Mrs. Collins, his foster mother, has made application for the boy's release, basing her demand on her estimate that William is 23 years of age and has been detained in the institution two years longer than the law permits. The records of the health office and the court have been searched, but they throw no light on the age of William.

Mrs. Collins stated last night that William served in the medical corps of the army with Gen. Pershing on the Mexican border in 1915. He enlisted at Fort Myer. The army authorities were satisfied at that time, Mrs. Collins says, that William was 18 years old or over, and so stated "that would make Willie 22," Mrs. Collins said.

### Leaves German Husband To Regain Estate Here

Berlin, Sept. 28.—Baroness Boecklin von Boecklinssau, formerly Gertrude Berwind of Philadelphia, is reported to be the first American girl who has decided to give up her German husband for her American fortune seized during the war by the United States Custodian of Alien Property.

According to a letter from Switzerland, the baroness is reported to be about to sail for the United States with her son. She is said to have applied for a passport for the purpose of securing a divorce, and her passport was promptly granted, it is said.

### Husband Slayed Freed.

Detroit, Sept. 28.—The second woman to be discharged by a jury with- in the last five days on a charge of slaying her husband was Mrs. Ruth Davis, who shot Henry Davis. The other woman freed was Mrs. Mary Kelly, who stabbed her husband, James



### DATE OF RETURN OF ROADS MUST BE POSTPONED

Legislative Situation Will Not Permit Government To Let Go Jan. 1.

Return of the railroads to their private owners, originally scheduled by President Wilson for January 1, will have to be indefinitely deferred. This is now believed to be inevitable because of the situation which has developed in connection with the preparation of regulatory legislation necessary to meet conditions arising with the termination of Federal control.

Leaders in both the Senate and House have given up hope of passing the bill during the present session and are now making plans for its consideration early in the regular session that begins in December. Representative Esch, chairman of the House Interstate Commerce Committee, stated yesterday that it will be impossible to report out the measure until late in October.

A sub-committee of five has been charged with the task of studying the testimony submitted by several score of witnesses and analyzing the various plans which have been presented. The sub-committee then will draft a bill for consideration by the full committee.

Most of the members of the House are looking forward to an adjournment by November 1 that they may spend a few weeks at home before the grind of the long regular session begins. They will be in no mood to go into a tedious fight on such an important problem.

With this condition confronting the country and universal recognition of the fact that return to private ownership without adequate legislative safeguards will precipitate an industrial disaster, it is virtually certain that a resolution will be passed asking the President to defer the date for terminating Federal control. There is little doubt that the President will comply with the request, members of Congress assert.

### Banker Goes to Federal Prison.

Stamford, Conn., Sept. 28.—William N. Travis, a banker here more than twenty years was taken yesterday to the Federal prison at Atlanta to serve a sentence of one year and three months for violation of the Federal Reserve law. He pleaded guilty. He was cashier of the Stamford National Bank at the time the crime was committed.

### London Darkened By Great Tie-Up; Food Is Rationed

Pangs of Hunger Already Gripping Millions In Big Cities—Attempts at Conciliation Fail.

### 45,000,000 FACING FAMINE; BREADLINES BEGIN TODAY

Buses Demanding Fabulous Sums for Short Hauls—Government Commandeers Airplane Service to Deliver Mail—Troops Wait Call as Unions Hint At Bloodshed.

London, Sept. 28.—Industrial stagnation prevails throughout the United Kingdom today.

All hopes for a settlement are blasted by the obstinate refusal both of the workers and the government to get together. Every attempt at conciliation—and there have been many in the past twenty-four hours—has failed.

The 1,000,000 railway men now idle are bound to draw other hundreds of thousands of workers into the maelstrom beginning tomorrow.

The great industrial centers of Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow are paralyzed through the inability to supply the workers material with which to work.

Collieries and factories already are closing all over the land, throwing out hundreds of thousands of miners and other workers.

The country stands aghast at the extent of the demoralization that followed the breach between the government and labor.

**London Virtually Isolated.**  
London as well as other great British cities are nearly isolated from the rest of the country.

Occasionally lorries or one of the handful of trains still running (to supply hospitals) filter through, but they seem almost like a mockery in the terrible industrial paralysis.

The government, powerless to act, made no serious attempt to move the trains today.

With no hope of settling the dispute in sight, the bulk of the 45,000,000 men, women and children populating Britain face hunger and cold.

**But One Way Out.**  
The only way this catastrophe can be averted is for the government to establish at once a hastily improvised transport scheme on a huge scale.

But to carry out such a scheme, the military would have to be enlisted, and that possibility is the nightmare haunting the British people, for there is no telling to what lengths embattled labor will go to prevent the government from using soldiers to act as "scabs."

London and other cities already are feeling the pangs of hunger—the hunger of war time; no eggs, no sugar, and only morsels of meat and bread.

Tomorrow probably will see the resumption of the long miserable bread lines so familiar in the dark days of the war.

**Food Scarcity Felt.**  
The food scarcity already is noticeable on this, the first day after the beginning of the gigantic tie-up, and so is the lack of fuel.

London is almost dark tonight, lighting having been curtailed to the utmost minimum necessary.

The effect on the population, too, was evident today. Yesterday's smiles of London's unsuspecting millions have overnight turned to gloom. The full meaning of the crisis is realized now. The people expect a long drawn-out struggle which may decide far more than the future of the status of the government and of labor.

Unofficially it is announced that parliament will be summoned this week in the event no settlement is forthcoming.

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**Hint At Bloodshed.**  
The Nostrand, sailing for America today, was delayed for hours, but the passengers had been warned and 75 per cent were on the dock before the strike started. James Henry Thomas, secretary of the Railway Men's Union, dealt a shock to the public with his warning that "trouble is brewing which may lead to bloodshed." The public has been disinclined to believe in the magnitude of the tie-up, and such words from Thomas, who is an ultra conservative leader, came as a rude awakening. No city in the world took more exercise today than London. Hundreds of thousands walked many miles. It will be worse tomorrow for the buses and tramways are likely to go out also, leaving only a meager taxicab service at the disposal of the people, and taxi drivers are famous for not overlooking any bet—the rates will be tripled and quadrupled tomorrow, so that only the well-to-do can afford that luxury, dear enough in normal times. **Ireland Not Affected.**  
If the strike proves anything it is

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